THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDu): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. STD facility is already available to Adoor exchange subscribes.

The district-wise details for 1991-92 regarding number of exchanges programmed for expansion/conversion STD to be provided is given in the attached Statement.

STATEMENT

Number of Exchanges programmed for Expansion/converison, S.T.D. to be provided to Kerala

District.	*No. of exchanges programmed for Expansion/conversion*	*Conversion to Electronic*	*STD Stns. likely to be added*
Trivandrum	17	8	4
Quilon	29	20	4
Pathanamthitta	24	15	2
Alleppey	26	15	2
Kottayam	22	11	113
Idukki	27	19	2
Ernakulam	40	21	2
Trichur	14	8	4
Palghat	35	24	3
Malappuram	21	15	3
Calicut	14	12	1
Wynad	10	3	-
Cannanore	20	12	5
Kasaragod	19	12	3

Backward Classes for Inclusion in the Scheduled Cases list

2944. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be peased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Kerala Government for inclusion of some backward communities in the Scheduled Castes List;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reation of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. These are under examination.